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ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB ABOARD SAM AIRCRAFT

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES NEWS ENTIRE CODEL PLANS VISIT PHNOM PENH
SATURDAY MARCH 1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

0800 ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT. NO FORMAL WELCOMING CEREMONY.
DRIVE TO CHANCERY.

0830 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR DEAN AT CHANCERY, FOR
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS TO THE GROUP.

8.00 CALL UPON PRESIDENT LON NOL AT CHAMCAR MON.
MARSHAL LON NOL WILL ADDRESS THE GROUP BRIEFLY IN
KHMER, WITH ENGLISH TRANSLATION BY KHMER AMBASSADOR
TO THE U.S., UM SIM.

0930-1230 PARTY DIVIDES INTO SEVERAL SUBGROUPS, WITH NOT TO
EXCEED 6 TO 7 OF PARTY PER GROUP, EACH GROUP TO BE
COMPRESSED, SO FAR AS POSSIBLE INTO THREE VEHICLES.

1230 INFORMAL BUFFET LUNCHEON, AS SUBGROUPS ARRIVE
ONE BY ONE FROM THEIR MORNING ITINERARIES,
HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET. GUESTS WOULD INCLUDE
ENGLISH-SPEAKING MEMBERS OF THE CABINET AND THE KHMER

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ARMED FORCES, PLUS SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE KHMER ALUMNI

ASSOCIATION (GRADUATES OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES).
FOLLOWING THE BUFFET THERE WILL BE TIME FOR
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER
AND OTHER KHMER GUESTS.

1400 SUBGROUPS CONTINUE VISITS TO OTHER SITES.

1500 PARTY REGROUPS AT THE RESIDENCE OF
AMBASSADOR DEAN FOR DISCUSSION AND A QUESTION
AND ANSWER PERIOD.

1530 PARTY MEETS AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH
AMERICAN NEWSMEN AND ENGLISH-SPEAKING
FOREIGN PRESS. THIS IS PLANNED, NOT AS A
ONE-WAY PRESS CONFERENCE, BUT AS AN INFORMAL
GIVE AND TAKE BETWEEN THE PARTY AND OF THE
PRESS, MANY OF WHOM ARE VERY WELL-INFORMED
ABOUT THE SITUATION OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC.

1630 DEPART RESIDENCE FOR AIRPORT.

1700 DEPART AIRPORT BY SPECIAL PLANE FOR SAIGON.

2. IN VIEW OF PARTY'S PLAN TO DINE WITH PRESIDENT THIEU
THAT EVENING, IT IS POSSIBLE THEY WOULD PREFER AN EARLIER
DEPARTURE FROM PHNOM PENH THAN 5:P.M. (WHICH IS 6:P.M.
SAIGON TIME), WITH ABOUT AN HOUR FLYING TIME TO BE ALLOWED.
IN THIS CASE, ABOVE AFTERNOON SCHEDULE COULD BE COMPRESSED
BY OMITTING THE 1 HOUR OF ADDITIONAL VISITS TO OTHER SITES
BETWEEN 1400 AND MOVING REMAINDER OF AFTERNOON SCHEDULE UP
ONE HOUR TO SHOOT FOR 4:P.M. DEPARTURE FOR SAIGON.

3. WE HAVE AS YET NO WORBLON SENATOR BARTLETT AND
CONGRESSMAN MCCLOSKEY. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM ALSO
TO JOIN THE GROUP FOR THE DAY VISIT ON SATURDAY?

4. PRESS. WE NOW HAVE NEARLY 30 JOURNALISTS IN TOWN, MANY
OF WHOM ARE BASED IN SAIGON. WE PLAN MAKE
NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM WITH RESPECT TO VISIT BEYOND
HOUR-LONG MEETING MENTIONED IN SCHEDULE. WE HAVE NO
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VEHICLES, CAN PROVIDE NO TRANSPORTATION. CODEL AIRCRAFT
WILL LAND ON MILITARY SIDE OF AIRPORT IN SECURED AREA,
FROM WHICH THERE IS NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INTO CITY.
GIVEN NUMBER OF PRESS HERE, REPRESENTING EVERY MAJOR
MEDIA OUTLET, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF PARTY
WOULD DECLINE TO IMPORT ADDITIONAL PRESS FROM SAIGON
ON CODEL AIRCRAFT.
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